

have known many politicians in my day and I can't think of many that would give up their chance for what they knew was right. This showed me more of Lenny's character.

I would like to point out the following; George Miller was a very strong Democrat, Lenny Degnan was a very strong Democrat and Mary Claire Kennedy was a very strong Republican. I felt I had to give you a background of who I am.

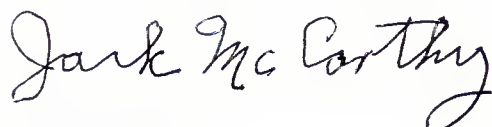
I am very close to Lenny, he probably takes me as his father. I am 75 years old. I attended every minute of the trial. I knew what Lenny's feelings were and he did everything he said he would. I look at the case and know that Lenny lost an awful lot, 3 years of worry, a lot of money and now whatever comes and what did he get, nothing. I would like to tell you Lenny is an honest, straight forward person, a great Father with two very successful daughters, a loving wife, who told me last night, she loves him more than ever. He has a very successful business, they are all going to survive and manage.

I think I can evaluate people and I feel you ran a very fair trial and I think you are a very fair guy.

Lenny has a son, Lenny Jr., 15 years old, who suffers from Asperger Disorder. He is a big 225 lb. boy who you just have to know, he does not have a bad bone in his body. He is always happy and smiling. He thinks everybody is great, all of the kids and teacher's in North Andover love him and yet he has no real friends. Lenny is his Father and his idol and Lenny is his best friend. Lenny's world revolves around his son, spending as much time with him as possible. Taking him to practices and games. Helping him work out. I spoke to Lenny's wife Carla last night at about 8:30 and I asked about little Lenny and she said he was having something to eat and he was very mad.

I ask you, not for Lenny and not for Carla but for little Lenny to be as lenient on Lenny as you can legally be. Time away from his Dad, at this important stage of his life, will change him forever. I apologize for going on but I felt I had to write this on behalf of one of my best friends.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack McCarthy". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Jack McCarthy